

Rail Projects in Andhra Pradesh

4341. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent proposal to the Union Government for construction of new railway projects and expansion/extension of the existing ones in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Andhra Pradesh have recommended following new line/gauge conversion projects:

(i) Peddapally-Karimnagar-Akanapet-Sangareddy-Patencheru and Sangareddy-Sadampet Road new BG line.

(ii) Nizamabad-Ramagundam (via) Jagtial & Uppal-Jagtial (via) Karimnagar new BG line.

(iii) Nandyala-Yerraguntla new BG line.

(iv) Gudur-Macherla (via) Vinukonda-Kanigiri and Atmakur new BG line.

(v) Vikarabad-Krishna new BG line.

(vi) Raichur-Macherla new BG line.

(vii) Nidubrolu-Nizamapatnam new BG line.

(viii) Tirupati-Pakala conversion and Pakala-Katpadi parallel BG line.

(ix) Kakinada-Kotipalli new BG line.

(x) Conversion of Guntur-Dronachellam.

(xi) Provision of parallel BG line from Secunderabad to Kumool.

(xii) Hindupur-Rayadurg new BG line.

(c) Out of the above, proposal of new BG line between Gadwal and Raichur (59 km) has been referred to the Planning Commission. Proposal for Peddapally-Karimnagar-Nizamabad new BG line is being referred to the Planning Commission for their approval. Proposals of conversion of Tirupati-Pakala-Katpadi, Guntur-Guntakal & Secunderabad-Dronachellam MG lines to BG have been approved and are likely to be taken up during 92-93. Reconnaissance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for construction of new BG line connecting Nadikude with Renigunta (350 km) has been approved. Surveys carried out for other new lines listed at (b) above except Rayadurg-Hindupur, have revealed that these projects are financially unremunerative. Owing to constraint of resources there is no proposal for conducting any survey for Rayadurg to Hindupur at present.

[Translation]**Conversion of King Shiva's Palace as National Monument in Ratnagiri**

6342. SHRI GOVINDRAO NIKAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any request for the conversion of King Shiva's Palace in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra as a national monument; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?